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Diversity Day co-chairs Jane Hurst (left), chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, and Donna Ryan (right), a professor in the Department of Government and History, chat with The Right Reverend Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop of Washington Pro Tempore and morning plenary speaker for Diversity Day 2002.

'Think globally, act locally,' is Diversity Day theme toward achieving religious diversity

People are often fiercely protective of their beliefs. For most of their lives they have been guided by these highly personal values, and they don't compromise them easily. At the start of Gallaudet's Diversity Day on April 3, Provost Jane Fernandes pointed to the crisis in the Middle East to note that religion and spirituality are probably the most personal—and critical—parts of our personal lives; they influence the way we behave, interact with others, and what we believe.

Respecting all individuals on campus, regardless of their spiritual beliefs—or the absence of religion in their lives—was the goal of this year's Diversity Day, which carried the theme, "Gallaudet's Religion Diversity: Creating A Community of Understanding." Dr. Fernandes applied the adage, "Think Globally, Act Locally," to address the powerful world events that continue to unfold around us, and

to focus the lessons learned to create a better, more understanding campus.

The day was filled with thought-provoking workshops on the following topics: "Native American Spirituality," "Changing Roles for Women in Religion," "Religious Perspectives from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community," "Living a Good Life Without Religion," Deaf Culture in Religious Life," and "When Religious Values Collide: Learning How to Talk About Tough Issues," "That All May Worship: A Ramp Is Not Enough," as well as panels sponsored by the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington.

Keynote presentations began and ended the day; the first by The Right Reverend Jane Holmes Dixon, Bishop of Washington Pro Tempore; the second by Dr. Joseph W. Groves, program

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Gallaudet Community Relations Council recognizes community leaders

The Gallaudet Community
Relations Council celebrated
its 21st Annual Awards and
Recognition Program on April 13
in the Conference Center, honoring 15 members of the community
who have worked to make the
community better for everyone.

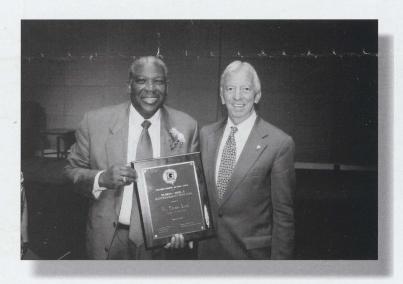
The two major awards presented were the Edward C.
Merrill, Jr. Distinguished
Community Service Award and
the George A. Boyd Distinguished
Individual Community Service
Award.

Thomas Lewis, founder and director of the Fishing School, which provides grassroots assistance that inner-city children need to overcome the obstacles they face, was the recipient of the Merrill Award. Through a variety of programs and services, The Fishing School endeavors to cre-

ate and nurture the will and desire required for inner-city children to develop into independent, productive, and contributing members of society. Lewis also serves on the boards of directors for six local nonprofit organizations, including the Capital Area Food Bank and D.C. Cares, and in 1997, Washingtonian Magazine named him Washingtonian of the Year.

Daisy Powell was the recipient of the Boyd Award. In addition to being a charter member of the Gallaudet Community Relations Council, devoting her time to improving relations between the University and the community, Powell has provided leadership to many community organizations, such as the Northeast Neighborhood House, of which she is a co-founder and director.

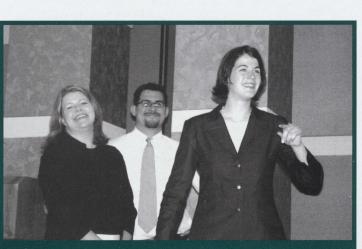
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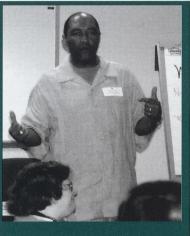
Thomas Lewis is presented the Edward C. Merrill, Jr. Distinguished Community Service Award by President Jordan.



Sophomore Paul Khouri talks with Dr. Joseph Groves, program coordinator of the Fellowship of Reconciliation Interfaith Peace-Builders Program, after Groves's afternoon plenary address at Diversity Day.



Gallaudet's highest student achievers for fall 2001 were honored April 10 at the spring semester President's Scholars Dinner. Awards went to 180 undergraduate students, special students, and second-degree students who made the Dean's List (freshmen and sophomores who maintain at least a 3.25 grade point average for the fall semester and a minimum 3.5 GPA for juniors and seniors); 180 also gained the distinction of being named President's Cum Laude Scholars (maintaining cumulative GPAs for the preceding semester of 3.4 for Cum Laude, 3.6 for Magna Cum Laude, and 3.8 for Summa Cum Laude); and 90 Graduate President's Scholars for graduate students who possess a GPA of at least 3.85. Pictured above (from left): Admissions Office Recruiters Kelly Gunderson, Matthew Myrick, and Jennifer Peterson, all of whom are Gallaudet alumni, address the scholars about their experiences meeting with prospective students across the nation and talking about the University. Another highlight of the Scholars Dinner was the announcement that Dr. Ceil Lucas, chair of the Department of Linguistics and Interpretation, has been selected as Distinguished Faculty Member for the 2002-03 academic year.



During Diversity Day on April 3, the campus community was treated to various break-out sessions to learn about different topics related to religion today. In the photos (clockwise from above): **Larry Bell of the National Coalition Building Institute presents on "When** Religious Values Collide: Learning How to Talk About Tough Issues"; Jennifer Sutton, a Gallaudet alumna, and Joanna **London of the Washington Ethical** Society, present on "Living a Good Life Without Religion"; V. Balakrishnan from the United Hindu / Jain Temples talks about "Why I Love to be a" while Anne Acampora interprets and (from left) Rev. Roy Wesley of the New Macedonia Baptist Church and a PPD worker, Dr. Diane Sherwood, associate director of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, Grigsby Hubbard of the William Penn House, and Qaadir Madyun of the Masjid (Mosque) Muhammad look on; and during a session on "Religious Perspectives from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community," the Rev. Candace Shultis (seated, left) from the **Metropolitan Community Church of** Washington, and Lanette Graves, religious issues coordinator for Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), answer a question from the audience, while Tara Thompson interprets.







Curtis Christophersonbaseball wiz



Curtis Christopherson

ne of the most exciting athletes Gallaudet has had in recent memory is a quiet, unassuming sophomore who has been striking fear into the hearts of Gallaudet's opponents on the baseball diamond ever since he arrived on campus a year ago. Curtis Christopherson, a sophomore from South Dakota, has helped lead the resurgence of the team, which has improved greatly over the past two seasons.

In honor of his exploits, the Capital Athletic Conference named Christopherson it's Player of the Week on April 10. In leading Gallaudet to four wins in six games, Christopherson batted .562 (nine for 16) with 12 RBIs and seven runs scored. He also pitched one game, striking out 10 batters in five- and one-third innings, allowing just one run.

Ever since he started playing baseball with a plastic ball at the age of 1, Christopherson has been in love with the sport. "I love baseball because of my father, and he always played with me,



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teaching me all kinds of skills, since I was five years old." said Christopherson.

Besides pitching, he plays the outfield, shortstop, and catcher. "My favorite position is catcher because the catcher is the leader of the team. I love the challenge of the position." But playing catcher can be hazardous. Christopherson recalled an incident that took place last summer while he was playing catcher for his amateur team in the state tournament in South Dakota: "The batter swung and fouled the ball off the end of his bat. The ball then hit the bottom of my protective cup. That knocked me out cold for about five to seven minutes, in front of 2,000 fans, and it was very painful—and embarrassing!"

In high school, Christopherson also participated in basketball, football, track, and bowling. Last year, his intramural team won the Gallaudet football championship, and he was on a Gallaudet allstar team that finished sixth out of 43 teams in a tournament at the University of Maryland.

After Gallaudet, Christopherson would like to play professional baseball and continue to play for as long as his body can handle the game. "I also want to become a teacher and coach. I would love to have kids and teach them like my father taught me," he said.

Until then, Gallaudet baseball fans will have two more seasons to witness Christopherson's exploits on the diamond.

Diversity Day

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coordinator for the Fellowship of Reconciliation Interfaith Peace-Builders Program, Washington, D.C., and an adjunct professor at American University.

Holmes, the second woman to be elevated to the office of bishop in the Episcopal Church, said that speaking from the Christian perspective, human beings are created in God's image, regardless of their gender, race, sexual orientation, culture, religion - and whether they are deaf or hearing. Whatever barriers humans place on these differences are of their own doing, not God's, said Dixon. "Therefore, we are to cherish God, and ourselves, and each other. We are to love one another," she said. The Judeo-Christian religion reinforces this tolerance of those who are different from ourselves through the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

In 2002, when the headlines are filled with acts of hate and vengeance, how do we put these noble aspirations into practice? Dixon turned to the prophet Micah, who advised all human

beings to practice justice and mercy and walk with God. This is difficult for anyone who does not share the same life as another person. "I don't know what it's like to stop at a gas station and be afraid to fill the tank because I'm black; I don't know what it's like to be a Muslim in this nation today," said Dixon. "It is difficult for humans to live together with our differences." Living together in harmony is something that Dixon said she does not realistically feel will be accomplished in our lifetime, but it is something we have to strive toward for future generations to attain. In closing, she said, "My mandate to you is to love others as they would love you, to give dignity and honor, and justice, and thank God we live in a nation where we are free to worship as we choose."

Groves, an activist for over 30 years who works to promote understanding between races and cultures as well as international justice, is presently involved in a conflict resolution program, taking Americans to Israel and the Palestinian territories to help the two find a peaceful solution to the conflict that has escalated there. Bringing opposing groups togeth-

er to work in peace is one of the most difficult challenges in achieving religious diversity, said Groves. "I think there is no more powerful witness to peace than a Jew saying to a Palestinian, `I'm Jewish, but I will stand with you and go with you through blockades to pick up wounded Palestinians,' and risk their lives for that, or for a Muslim to sit with Israeli Jews who have lost family members in suicide bombings and say they share their loss."

It is admirable to talk about religious diversity and learn to appreciate other religions' traditions, said Groves, but it can also be oppressive if it does not address the difference in power and privilege that religions sometimes embody. However, "when religious diversity embraces justice, it overcomes that privilege and power," he said. "When diversity embraces justice, it becomes a powerful force.'

Listening to others helps us recognize that no group "is totally in the right, and indeed our opponents may be as right—or more right—than us," said Groves. He said he doesn't expect the Fellowship of Reconciliation Interfaith Peace-Builders Program "to convince [Israeli Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon or [Palestinian leader Yasser] Arafat to adopt peace as a solution, but to make enough people on both sides see that they have no choice but to listen. The action won't come from the government, it has to come from the people, and it's a long, slow process."

In conclusion, President Jordan told the audience that people often accuse him of "hopeless optimism." He confided that over the past few days, he harbored feelings that peace could not be obtained in the Middle East, but that the inspirational messages of Diversity Day made him change his mind: "I think my hopeless optimism may be the right response after all," he said. Dr. Jordan added that walking around the Gallaudet campus, he sees an incredibly diverse community, but one that continues to strive toward achieving an even more welcoming environment for everyone. "We are a community of learning, and I hope you leave with the hope that Gallaudet will continue to get better," said Jordan.



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Dr. Stephen Chaikind, chair of the Department of Business Administration, Economics, and Finance, testified before the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education in Los Angles, Calif., on March 21 regarding the relationship between financing special education and the quality of education students with disabilities receive. Chaikind emphasized that while more is being learned about the costs of providing special education, educators need to better understand the processes, such

as teaching and classroom methods, curriculum reforms, resource allocations, service provision, and organizational structures that lead to the best possible outcomes for students with disabilities. Chaikind also discussed questions of efficiency in providing special education services, the effects of student placement on costs, and the share of expenditures going to related and supplementary services.

Christopher Heuer, English instructor, had one of his poems, "The Hands of My Father," about a deaf son's struggle with his hearing father and the absence of sign communication within his family, published in the December issue of *Kaleidoscope Magazine*.

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Dr. Martha Sheridan, associate professor of social work, spoke about her book, *Inner Lives of Deaf Children: Interviews and Analysis*, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in Washington D.C., on April 17.

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Basketball and books: NBA promotes reading at KDES

By Jennifer Hinger

What do basketball, books,
and NBA legend Bob Lanier
have in common? It's more than a
common first letter, and Lanier
was on hand at the "Basketball
and Books" clinic at KDES to
prove it.

"This program is important because it provides a kind of connection to empower kids to read, and reading is one thing that is of tremendous importance to me," said Lanier, a former Detroit Pistons and Milwaukee Bucks player and a Hall of Famer.
"Because we're with the NBA, we use basketball to tingle their interest and create the building blocks that lead to success in life."

The clinic, part of the NBA's Read to Achieve initiative, took place March 12 in the KDES auditorium with about 75 students from the 4/5 and 6/7/8 teams. It included a read aloud of *Strong to the Hoops,* written by John Coy, with NBA stars such as Lanier; Hall of Famer Nate "Tiny" Archibald, who played in Kansas City, for the Boston Celtics, the Milwaukee Bucks, and other teams; WNBA players Tamika

Catchings, an Indiana Fever forward, Tausha Mills, a Washington Mystics center, and Markita Aldridge, a Mystics guard; Congressman Ray LaHood,(R-III.); and from Gallaudet University, President Jordan, Linda Jordan, and Provost Jane Fernandes.

The players, along with Gallaudet basketball players, then conducted an on-court clinic with drills to improve such skills as dribbling, passing, and shooting. The NBA and WNBA players also signed autographs for the students, and the students were given gifts, including NBA mouse pads, mini-basketballs, T-shirts, and bookmarks.

The "Basketball and Books" clinic was the first such activity at KDES in which reading and the basketball clinic were combined. It was held in conjunction with the March 13 Biennial Congressional Basketball Classic at Gallaudet.

"Reading is the most important thing we do here in the schools. We're very lucky to have this opportunity, to have these outstanding players with us," Dr. Jordan told the students.

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April

26-"If you will pause for a moment, I'll interpret that. Consecutive Interpreting in the Courtroom," a lecture on the accuracy of interpretation provided to deaf and non-deaf people in courtroom settings by contrasting the work of simultaneous interpreting and consecutive interpreting, plus a review on implications for interpreter education programs, Merrill Learning Center, LN 11, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., for more information, call x5450 or e-mail melanie. metzger@gallaudet.edu

26-27-Gallaudet Dance Company presents "Dancing in the Seventh House," dedicated to everyone affected by the events of September 11, 8 p.m., Elstad Auditorium.

27-"Enhancing Our Work:
Message Equivalency Via
Consecutive Interpreting," workshop, 10 a.m.—4 p.m., GUKCC,
Room 3125, for more information,
call x6056, go to gradschool.gallaudet.edu/slps, or e-mail beverlv.hollrah@gallaudet.edu

29-"Early Identification and Family-Centered Programming for Young Children with Hearing Loss" symposium, 1–4:30 p.m., Conference Center, for more information, call x5530 or e-mail marilyn.sass-lehrer@gallaudet.edu

May:

1-Chinese Characters and Signs Workshop Series: Session 12-"Chinese Idioms" (four-character idioms), 12–1 p.m., HMB N206, for more information, call x5560 or e-mail mark.weinberg@gallaudet.edu 6-Classes end; last day for undergraduate consortium registration for summer school and fall 2002 (forms must be in Registrar's Office by 4:30 p.m.); last day for graduate students to withdraw with WP/WF grades (forms must be signed and returned to the Registrar's Office by 4:30 p.m.); monthly PFLAG meeting, 7:30–9 p.m., HMB W410, for more information, call x5672 or e-mail jane.hurst@gallaudet.edu

7-Study Day

8-Final examination period begins

13-All grades due from faculty no later than 4 p.m.

Twenty-two retirees from the University and the Clerc Center were honored at an April 9 reception in the GUKCC that was hosted by Academic Affairs and the President's Office. In addition to remarks and best wishes by President Jordan, Provost Jane Fernandes, and Clerc Center Interim Dean Katherine Jankowski, each of the retirees was given a personal tribute by a co-worker or supervisor. (Not pictured are: Terry Baird (30 years) and Virgyl Mason (32 years), Clerc Center; Ethylyn DeStefano (22 years), Midge McNamara (31 years) and Dr. David Tweedie (29 years), Graduate School and Professional Programs; and Dr. Kenneth Epstein, (30 years), Academic Technology.)



Paul Helm (20 years), Arsena Strange (27 years), Helen Sweetney-Curtis (32 years), and William Saunders (32 years), are retiring from the Clerc Center.



Dr. Emily Smith-Rappold (18 years), (with Carl Pramuk, Student Affairs dean, and Lauri Rush, director of clinical services, Mental Health Center), is retiring from Student Affairs.



Charles Giansanti (36 years) and Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe (42 years), are retiring from the Graduate School and Professional Programs.



Dr. Mary Malzkuhn (22 years), Jo Rackham (32 years), Dr. James Madachy (28 years), Susan Giansanti (16 years), Carol Bateman (37 years), and Edith Rikuris (36 years) are retiring from the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies, with Dr. Patrick Cox (24 years), who is retiring from Graduate School and Professional Programs.



Lark Ahn (20 years), (with Dr. Cynthia King, executive director of Academic Technology, and James Dellon, manager of Television and Media Production), is retiring from Academic Technology.



Carolyn Willis (24 years), (with Astrid Goodstein, executive director of Enrollment Services), is retiring from Enrollment Services.



DWII Fact

The International Deaf Club (IDC), at the D.C. Convention Center, will be the heart of Deaf Way II. Every evening will provide an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new people, enjoy entertainment, and relax in the midst of the largest gathering of the deaf community at DWII. The hours are 8 p.m. until 2 a.m., Monday, July 8, through Saturday, July 13. A DJ will play music every night from

10:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Except for opening night on Monday, there will be additional activities and performances every night. At Center Stage, from 9 p.m. until 10:30 p.m., there will be dance performances, signed song interpretations, previews of the theater performances happening throughout the conference, and much more. In Hall C there will be three stages offering a variety of entertainment by community theatre companies, mimes, magicians, storytellers, and others. Food and drink will be sold. Admittance is limited to officially registered participants.

Also, the Deaf Way II website has been redesigned. Take a look at the new and improved website at www.deafway.org.



The 33rd annual Charter Day celebration commemorating the April 6, 1864 signing of Gallaudet's charter by President Abraham Lincoln included an April 5 reception in the GUKCC ballroom for the winners of this year's Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund and Gallaudet University Alumni Association award winners, who were honored for their outstanding contributions. Pictured with `Lincoln (Gallaudet student Linsay Darnall, Jr.) are (from left): Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award; Rita Lloyd Slater, Pauline "Polly" Peikoff "Service to Others" Award; Andrew Lange, GUAA president; Berta Foster, Laurent Clerc Award; Richard Reed, Alice Cogswell Award; and Dr. James Woodward, Edward Miner Gallaudet Award. (Missing is Peter Ripley, the second Alice Cogswell Award winner.)

GCRC

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This organization provides educational and recreational programs and activities for hundreds of youth. Powell also established and operated a food distribution center for senior citizens. She also served in leadership roles with the District of Columbia Model Cities Program, H-Street Project Area Committee, and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

The keynote address was given by Robert Pasternack, assistant secretary for special education and rehabilitative services for the U.S. Department of Education.

President Jordan introduced Pasternack by saying, "Dr. Pasternack is a well-known leader in the field of special education and rehabilitative services and serves as the principal advisor to the U.S. Secretary of Education on all issues related to special education and rehabilitative services.

"Dr. Pasternack brings a wealth of experience to the table, having more than 25 years of experience in working with students with disabilities and their families," Dr. Jordan said. "I talked to some friends who work in the deaf schools [he] has visited, and the parents of students who go to these schools. They tell me the



Daisy Powell was presented the George Boyd Distinguished Individual Community Service Award by Boyd

same thing: Hè was a big hit with the students because he visited the schools wearing blue jeans and no tie, and he talked with the students, not to the students."

Pasternack reminded audience members to look at the plight of members of the community with disabilities. He focused on the 70 percent unemployment rate members of this community face, and the high underemployment rates, which he emphasized is a major concern of the Bush Administration. He also talked about the Bush's "No child left behind," motto, which will help improve the educational systems in minority communities, by putting more pressure on schools to improve their

test scores, or risk being closed.

The impact the GCRC has on Gallaudet and the community will continue to be an asset to both groups, said Jordan. "The relationship Gallaudet has with the local community is a valuable partnership," he said. "Through the leadership of George Boyd and the other members of the GCRC, we are able to plan activities and events which benefit both the campus and the community."

Elizabeth A. Noel, ESQ., people's counsel for the District of Columbia, served as the mistress of ceremonies for the Awards and Recognition Program.

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April 21-27 is Administrative Professionals Week (formerly known as Secretaries Week). In an e-mail message to the campus community, President Jordan said, "On behalf of the University, I am pleased to express appreciation to our professional support staff and to celebrate their growing responsibilities in today's administrative workforce. Our administrative professionals are extremely important and an integral part of the Gallaudet community." What would you like to say about the administrative professional(s) in your department?

MSSD to perform Wizard of Uz

SSD students will perform their rendition of *The Wizard* of Oz on the Ely Auditorium stage on May 10 at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on May 11 at 8 p.m.

The MSSD spring play will be filled with talented actors, colorful scenes, and a surprise performance choreographed by Yola Rozynek, coordinator of MSSD's Performing Arts Program. Directing the play are students Alison Jordan and Georginia Fitzpatrick.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens with I.D., and free to MSSD students with I.D. To reserve tickets, e-mail jennievaccaro@aol.com, or call x5409 (TTY), x5310 (V).



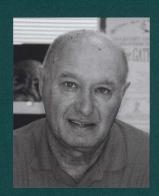
Fred Kendrick, executive director,

(administrative professionals Mary Alter, Wendy Grande, Vicki Sealock, Sharon Greenhow, and Tonya Gamble) The administrative professionals in the Facilities and Transportation departments are truly the backbone of our services. We are fortunate indeed to have the professional support and the extreme dedication to excellence we receive from each person we honor this week. I am especially proud to work with and have the support of each and every one of our administrative professionals.



Cathy Sweet-Windham, executive director, Development Office:

(administrative professional Pamela McClelland) Our office requires a lot of teamwork. I know that without Pam as the team's "manager" we wouldn't be able to succeed. She definitely keeps the office running and manages to do it with a smile. It is great working with her!



Dr. Ronald Dreher, chair, Physical **Education and Recreation:**

(administrative professionals Shirley Hack-McCafferty and Maria Danso) What a joy it is to have Maria and Shirley in our department. In a labor intensive, highly active environment, our administrative personnel provide the means for us to serve our constituency in a "user friendly" manner. They are enthusiastic, dedicated. and highly skilled. Maria and Shirley hold themselves to higher standards and are champions in the true sense of the word.



Dr. Barbara White, chair, Department of Social Work:

(administrative professionals Bob Dorn and Amanda Hartmann) Bob, the Social Work Department and the Gallaudet community will miss you as you move to your new job with the Center on Medicare. You left the week before Administrative Professionals Week, so we want to make sure you know your work with us was appreciated. Amanda, you are the lifeboat that keeps the department afloat. Thanks for being part of this busy department and we want you to know you are

appreciated.